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SUBJECT: Transmittal of the Draft Final Record of Decision — Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory — (OPE-ER-99-99)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

Enclosed is the Draft Final Record of Decision for Waste Area Group 3 — Idaho Chemical Processing Plant, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. This Draft Record of Decision is being transmitted for your review and comment. This document contains both the Record of Decision and associated Responsiveness Summary. This document is being submitted to meet the requirements of the Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (FFA/CO).

This Draft Final Record of Decision was developed following the EPA guidance on Record of Decision. Comments received on the Draft OU 3-13 Record of Decision have been incorporated into the Draft Final OU 3-13 Record of Decision.

In keeping with the FFA/CO document review schedule, comments on this Draft Final OU 3-13 Record of Decision are scheduled to be received from the EPA and IDHW 15 days after submittal of this document. Prior to finalization of the OU 3-13 Record of Decision, conference calls will be held to resolve any comments received on the Draft Final OU 3-13 Record of

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Decision. Finalization of the OU 3-13 Record of Decision will take place following the conference calls, approximately 30 days after submittal of this document. If you have any questions, please call Talley Jenkins at (208) 526-4978 or myself at (208) 526-4392.

Sincerely,

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